

## POLICE FRUSTRATE PLAN TO SWINDLE

Stranger, Who Attempts Old-Time Scheme on Petersburg Firm, Is Arrested.

## NEGRO WOMAN SENT TO JAIL

Charged With Smuggling Saws to Desperado in Prison. Other News.

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Petersburg, Va., December 12.—An alleged attempted swindle by a stranger was nipped in the bud by the police this afternoon, and the alleged swindler was arrested. J. O. James & Co., shoe merchants, received a telephone message requesting that half a dozen pairs of shoes of specified kinds and sizes be sent to a certain address on South Saymore Street. To "Dr. Farley," that such selections as might be desired could be made. The merchants were requested at the same time to send change for a \$20 bill to be given in payment for the shoes. A swindle of this character had been successfully practiced here some time back, and James & Co. had not forgotten it. The firm notified the police, and then laid a trap to catch "Dr. Farley." The driver of the firm was directed to drive to the address to which the shoes were to be sent, and an officer was stationed nearby to await developments. The address mentioned was the residence of a prominent citizen, and the driver was informed that no such person as "Dr. Farley" was known there. As the driver was about leaving, a young stranger came from across the street and informed him that he was Dr. Farley, for whom the shoes were intended. Before any further parleying occurred, the stranger was arrested by the officer and was taken to the station house, and J. O. James & Co. were saved the loss of their shoes worth \$20. The stranger gives his name as John Sesson. It is believed by Chief Ragland that he is wanted in Richmond. Postals were found on him addressed to Danville and Richmond.

**Fined and Jailed.**  
Lillian Vann, the negro woman who smuggled saws into the cell of Gus Neal, a negro desperado, to enable him to saw his way out of his cage and escape from the jail, was this morning fined \$50 in the Police Court and given a sentence of six months in jail for her offense. Gus Neal, the would-be jail-breaker, will be taken to Dinwiddie County on Monday to be tried for burglary and for breaking out of the jail of that county.

The probability is that this threatened outbreak at the jail will result in some improvements being made at the jail in the way of constructing a higher wall or fence around the building to prevent the prisoners from communicating with outside parties.

**Arrested for Danville Authorities.**  
Joseph Peace, negro, was arrested last evening by Detective Heelan on a warrant sent from Danville, charging him with unlawfully assaulting and shooting W. S. Edwards, a police officer of that city, with intent to kill. He will be held until a Danville officer is sent for him.

**Installation of Officers.**  
The newly elected officers of Petersburg Council, Knights of Columbus, were installed last night by Past Grand Knight J. Harry Bailey, deputized to conduct the ceremonies in the absence of District Deputy E. A. German, of Alexandria.

The officers installed are: Grand knight, Thomas J. O'Farrell; deputy grand knight, W. J. Fisher; chancellor, Dr. A. A. Burke; recorder, J. M. Reagan, Jr.; financial secretary, Joel T. Brown; treasurer, E. J. Collins, Jr.; warden, T. J. Morgan; assistant warden, E. C. Benjonia; inside guard, R. P. Kilmartin; outside guard, John D. Alton; chaplain, Rev. J. T. O'Farrell; lecturer, H. A. Reitz; trustees, J. M. Gallagher, F. A. D'Alton and W. J. Kilmartin.

**Unlabeled S. S. Association.**  
At the recent monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday School of Petersburg and vicinity, the reports read showed the aggregate organization of the eight schools for the past month to have been: average register, 1802; average attendance, 1534; per cent of attendance, 81. The number of new scholars received during the month was seventy-two.

The association embraces three Sunday schools in Chesterfield: Ettrick, Matocosa and Woodlawn.

**Matocosa Red Men Officers.**  
At the meeting last night of Keokan Tribe, No. 37, I. O. R. M., of Matocosa, the following officers were

elects for the ensuing term:

Phophet, Joseph E. Holt; Sachem, William Robinson; senior sagamore, Lester Partin; junior sagamore, Isam Andrews; chief of records, J. R. Moore; assistant chief of records, B. M. Kinison; keeper of wampum, J. M. Mann; keeper of wigwam, S. H. Womack; trustee for eighteen months, J. R. Moore; representative to great council of Virginia, B. M. Wilkinson. The tribe is in fine condition, and is one of the largest in this section.

**Personal and General.**  
Mrs. D. M. B. Caballero, of Unadilla, Porto Rico, arrived in the city this afternoon to spend some weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mallory, in Wythe Street.

The large brick factory building being erected on Perry Street by the British-American Tobacco Company, is nearing completion.

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## PASTOR WELCOMED

Congregation of Monument Methodist  
Gives Function for Rev. R. H. Potts.

The congregation of Monument Methodist Church gave a welcoming reception last night in honor of its new pastor, Rev. R. H. Potts, who was transferred to this city by the recent conference session in Lynchburg to succeed Rev. L. T. Williams.

The program consisted of addresses of welcome by several members of the church and a response from Mr. Potts. A large number attended, and many of the writers in their gratitude have suggested that like subscribers write direct and learn what it did for them. Here is one specimen:

"Gentlemen: Pardon me for not writing sooner, but I wanted to see if I would stay. I can now truthfully say I am perfectly well. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks. I have no pain, no cough, no night sweats, no hay fever, since a child of two years. I have been afflicted with lung trouble, which grew worse as I grew older. At the age of fourteen, the doctor said if I could not be sent South I would surely die. I had Typhoid Pneumonia one time. I had catarrh of the stomach and bowels and had Hay Fever for the first few years, but have not anything of the kind since."

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## PROTEST IS FILED BY STOCKHOLDERS

Seek to Stop Issuance of \$24,000,000 of Bonds to New York Central.

## ALLEGED IT IS A TRUST

Claim Proceeds Would Be Used for Benefit of Competing Railroads.

Columbus, O., December 12.—A protest was filed here late to-day with the State Utilities Commission by stockholders of the New York Central Railroad against the application for an issuance of \$24,000,000 of bonds by the railroad for improvement in Ohio. It is declared the railroad is a trust, and a suit will be brought for its dissolution under the provisions of the Sherman law.

The letter of protest was signed by C. H. Verner & Co., bankers, 33 Wall Street, New York, as stockholders in the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and the Michigan Central Railroad, and also by the Continental Security of New York, as stockholders in the Michigan Central.

Representatives of the protesting stockholders are expected here Monday, when the application for the issuance of the certificates will be heard by the Utilities board.

In the letter the stockholders of the subsidiary lines declared that action leading toward a dissolution would have been instituted before had not the Union Pacific case been pending in the United States Supreme Court.

Under the application for the issuance of the equipment certificates which was filed with the Public Utilities Commission last Monday, the New York Central and Hudson River, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, and the Erie Railroad, all declared they would maintain said equipment and pay as rental therefor an amount sufficient to meet taxes, expenses and dividend warrants, and the principal of said certificates as they mature.

In its protest, the Verner Company declared:

"The New York Central Company, by reason of its ownership of about 90 per cent of the stock of the Lake Shore, which it acquired in violation of the Sherman act, controls three distinct competing lines between Buffalo and Chicago. By reason of the dominating control which the New York Central exercises over the several corporations above named, it has in the past compelled and is now seeking to compel such corporations to pledge their credit for the benefit of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. As stockholders of the Michigan Central, we object to that company assuming an obligation of \$24,000,000, of which probably seven-eighths is for the benefit of other corporations, in which the Michigan Central has no financial interest whatsoever."

## Houston's Hearing Continued.

The hearing of Leroy Houston, alias Hugh J. O'Donnell, arrested on a charge of forgery, was continued yesterday morning by Police Justice Crutchfield until December 21. Houston was arrested in Harrisburg, Pa., and brought back here for trial by Detective-Sergeant Kollam. He is accused of having forged the name of A. L. Haves to check and letter of introduction and of cashing the former for \$250 at the American National Bank last June.

## Jury Disagrees.

The suit of Hoffheimer Brothers against C. P. Liphart in the City Circuit Court terminated yesterday in a hung jury. Hoffheimer Brothers sued Liphart to recover a bill of goods alleged to have been obtained on Liphart's order. He contested the account, denying that he had authorized the purchases.

## Now Well After Using Eckman's Alternative

Available Remedy for Throat and Lung troubles. The makers of Eckman's Alternative which is doing so much good for Consumptives, are continually in receipt of wonderful reports of recoveries brought about through the use of this medicine. These reports are always at the command of any one interested, and many of the writers in their gratitude have suggested that like subscribers write direct and learn what it did for them. Here is one specimen:

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We are showing a multitude of articles specially designed for Christmas gifts—a magnificent array of Gold and Silver Wares—rich, artistic and beautiful.

Silver Novelties, Toilet Sets, Gold and Silver Head Umbrellas and Canses, Silver Pieces for the table. New ideas in Art Jewelry from Paris, London and Vienna. Beautiful things that have a permanency of interest as well as a holiday significance.

## A FEW SUGGESTIONS:



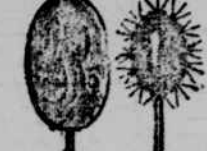
### Toilet Sets

\$6 to \$35  
Exquisite designs Silver Toilet Sets, put up in beautiful cases. Attractive Xmas gifts.



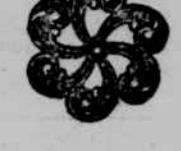
### Watches

Gold set with Diamonds, \$20 to \$200  
Solid Gold and Filled Cases, all the standard movements; guaranteed timekeepers.



### Scarf Pins

\$1 to \$200  
All the latest novelties. Solid Gold Signet Pins, engraved free. Variety of gems, clusters, etc.



### Brooches

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Personal jewelry of latest patterns; new ideas from Paris, London and Berlin.

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## RAISE WINDOWS; LAUGH AT SNOW

State Health Bulletin Calls Pure Cold Air Better Than Champagne.

December winds should not affright nor a falling thermometer alarm, for comfort and cold are not incompatible, and fresh air is still possible without draughts, declares the State Board of Health in a special cold weather warning issued yesterday.

"Mistaken ideas of protection against cold weather," says the bulletin, "are responsible for more deaths than cold weather. Close rooms kill more people than ever froze to death, and insufficient clothing is as dangerous as a house without fire."

"Nothing does more harm than belief that a house should be sealed so tight in winter that no fresh air can enter. The result of this is a closeness which weakens the bodily resistance, and makes a person more susceptible to colds when he leaves the house. Every living room and every sleeping apartment should have fresh air at all times regardless of the weather. This can generally be had without difficulty, as a number of simple schemes have been devised which can be installed in any room."

One of the most efficient is to fit a slanting board into the lower end of the window and to secure this to the board of the window frame with smaller boards. The window can then be raised almost to the level of the board, and will give a current of fresh air which will pass over the head of persons sitting in the room. A diagram of this plan can be found in the bulletin on fresh air, issued by the board, and available for free distribution.

"Draughts are, of course, to be avoided. They cool one part of the body while the other is warm, and thus cause colds. But draughts can be avoided and fresh air can still be had with a little care."

"Insufficient clothing is another fruitful source of discomfort in winter. No one should leave a warm room and go into the outer air even wearing a light coat, and then put on a heavy overcoat or other heavy clothing in cold weather is to invite sickness."

"Many persons who are anxious to have abundant fresh air in their bedrooms in winter complain of cold during the night. The question can be avoided by those who can afford to do so should supply themselves with ample bed clothing, but persons who cannot purchase additional blankets will find a simple substitute to hand in newspapers. If a layer of newspapers be placed between the blankets, much warmth will be retained which otherwise would be lost."

**Dr. Calisch to Preach.**  
At Beth Abrahah Dr. E. N. Calisch is conducting a series of addresses of a number of interesting questions. This evening the question will be "Can Judaism and Unitarianism Permanently Unite in One Congregation?"

On Saturday morning Dr. Calisch will speak on "The Land of Goshen." Services begin this evening at 8 and on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Strangers are welcome at all services.

**Gollday—Roller.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Woodstock, Va., December 12.—Miss Nancy Roller, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roller, was quietly married to Ernest E. Gollday, of the same place, at the home of the bride's uncle, M. H. Hottel, on South Main street. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a bridal trip, after which they will reside near Woodstock.

**Mon. H. H. Howe.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Dublin, Va., December 12.—Honorable H. H. Howe, one of the leading citizens of this county, died this after-

noon at his home near here. Mr. Howe was a Confederate veteran, a former representative in the Legislature from this county, one of the best known farmers and stock men of this section, and for many years president and a most influential member of the Potomac Fair Association. He had been in failing health for years, and the end was not unexpected.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court: Edward A. Jones and Viola Mause Spear; Charles Reisser and Bertha E. Tucker.

**Peddlers Had No License.**  
Fletcher and James Moore, negro fruit peddlers, were fined \$10 and costs yesterday morning in Police Court for doing business without a license.

**Building Permit.**  
A repair permit was issued yesterday to the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, Allen & Ginter Branch, to repair a brick factory, 108 South Seventh Street, to cost \$300.

**Judgment Entered.**  
Judgment was entered yesterday in the City Circuit Court in the case of the City of Richmond against John Oliver Lewis in the sum of \$35.

**Mayor Has Reached No Decision.**  
Mayor Ainslie indicated yesterday afternoon that he has reached no decision as yet in regard to the termination of his power franchise voted by both branches of the Council to the Richmond and Henrico Company at its bid of \$10. In the legal argument a number of authorities were cited which the Mayor desires to read for himself before taking final action.

**Boy Stole \$15.**  
"Lump" Scott, colored, was arrested yesterday by Officers Jordan and Lewis on the charge of stealing \$15 from George Mason.

## WEST POINT ASKS APPROPRIATION

Delegation Goes to Washington Seeking \$50,000 for Federal Building.

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Washington, December 12.—A delegation consisting of W. R. Broadbent, Ned Bland, R. C. Carden and Crosby Thompson, from the West Point Chamber of Commerce, and J. L. Bland and J. W. Wilkinson, from the Town Council of that place, arrived here this morning to take up with Congressman John Lamb the question of securing the passage of a bill in the House appropriating \$50,000 for a Federal building at West Point. The delegation went directly to the office of Captain Lamb upon reaching Washington, where the plan of having such a bill was discussed and carefully gone over.

While such a bill has already passed the Senate there seems to be some doubt as to its passage by the House. The law requires that before a town is entitled to a public building it should show an annual business of \$10,000, and have a population of not less than 5,000, although this is not closely followed, and it is the contention of the West Point men that their town should be given such a building as that proposed because general business conditions warranted. Captain Lamb probably will take the necessary steps to have a bill passed in the near future.

P. H. McG.

## Everything for the Xmas Holidays Our 2 Stores Always Save You Money

New Shelled Almonds, lb. ....	38c	Good Country Butter, lb. ....	30c
Chalmers Gelatine, 3 pkgs. ....	25c	Choice Florida Oranges, per dozen,	20c
Brookdale Asparagus, 18c can;		and ..... 23c	
per dozen ..... \$2.10		Best Regular Fresh or Corned	
Good Eggs, per dozen ..... 27c		Hams, lb. .... 17c	
7 rolls Toilet Paper ..... 25c		All Pork Country Sausage, lb. ....	17c
Libby's Best Roasted Beef, large		Wine for jelly, quart ..... 20c	
cans, 17c; or 3 cans ..... 50c		Finest Quality Fruit Cakes—1-lb.	
Finest Sugar-Cured Regular Hams,		carton, 20c; 3-lb. carton ..... 60c	
very best quality, any size ..... 18c		New California Peaches, 9c, or	
New Seeded Raisins, Santa Claus		3 lbs. .... 25c	
brand, full pounds, 3 for ..... 25c		Libby's Hilldale Best Asparagus,	
Pillsbury Flour, 35c bag; barrel \$5.90		per can ..... 12c	
New Mixed Nuts, lb. .... 12c		Libby's Olives, per bottle ..... 8c	
New London Layer Raisins, lb. ....	9c	New Cleaned Currants ..... 10c	
Finest Quality Citron, lb. .... 7c		6 lbs. New Va. Buckwheat for ..... 25c	
New Lemon or Orange Peel, lb. 12c		New Layer Figs, 1-lb. pkg. .... 11c	
New Hallowe Dates, lb. .... 8c		Good Salt Pork, lb. .... 11c	
Finest Chocolate Drops, lb. 12c		Good Lard, lb. .... 11c	
New French Candy, lb. .... 8c		Finest Quality Virginia Comb	
Finest Canned Oysters, can. .... 8c		Honey, package ..... 15c	
Imported Sour Krout, 7c quart;		Wood's Best N. C. Roe Herring,	
or, per gallon ..... 25c		new; per dozen, 25c; per keg, \$2.90	
Large Fat Mackerel, 6 for ..... 25c		Be it Sugar-Cured Breakfast	
Large 4-String Broom ..... 20c		Bacon, per lb. .... 18c	
Good Sugar Corn, 7c can; or 4		Good Quality Early June Peas,	
cans ..... 25c		2 cans ..... 25c	
3 cans New Tomatoes for ..... 25c		Large cans Best Quality Virginia	
New Virginia Herring Roe, can. ....	11c	Tomatoes, new 10c; or, dozen, \$1.10	
New Codfish, 7c, or 4 lbs. .... 25c		Highest Quality Best Creamery	
Large New Irish Potatoes, ..... 25c		Butter made, 1-lb. carton ..... 37c	
peck, per bushel ..... 25c		Brookdale California Lemon Cling	
Best American Granulated Sugar, 5c		Peaches, 15c can; dozen ..... \$1.65	
Pure Ground Pepper, lb. .... 20c		3 cans Pockahontas Best Corn ..... 25c	
Extra fine quality Sherry Wine,		Maccaroni and Spaghetti, 1-lb.	
in sealed bottles ..... 35c		pkg. .... 7c	
Jello Ice Cream Powder, 9c, or 3		Va. Pride Coffee, fresh roasted,	
pkgs. .... 25c		per lb. .... 25c	
Lump Sta ch, 7 lbs. for ..... 25c		Large cans Borden's Peerless Milk,	
Potted Ham or Tongue, 6 cans. 25c		9c; small cans, 6 for ..... 25c	
Post Toasties Corn Flakes, pkg. 8c		8 large bars Circus Cakes ..... 16c	
Gold Medal Flour, 35c bag; bbl. \$5.85		Libby's 3 cans Corned Beef ..... 16c	
Good Green or Mixed Tea, lb. .... 30c		Quaker Mason Jar Canned Olives, 38c	
New Herrings, per dozen ..... 10c		Gold Medal Coffee, Java and	
Silver King Brand Flour, very		Mocha mixture, 1-lb. cans, 30c;	
fine \$5.25 bbl. or, bag ..... 37c		5-lb. cans ..... \$1.45	
Snowdrift Lard, all size cans, new lb. .... 12c		Absolutely Pure Leaf Lard, in 5,	
		5 and 10-lb. cans, at, per lb. .... 15c	